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Notice of Allowability

Application No. 08/739,622

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Examiner

David Bruce

Group Art Unit 2506



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.
∑ This communication is responsive to Response of 14 Jan 98 .
∑ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-28
☐ The drawings filed on 29 Oct 1996 are acceptable.
☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received. ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number)
received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*Certified copies not received:
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Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No
including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on, which has been approved by the examiner.
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal lettter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.
☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.
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Attachment(s)
☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
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☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413 ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant⁹s argument regarding Sturm *et al.* is correct and the rejection of claim 21 is withdrawn. Also, neither Van der Heuvel *et al.* nor Radcliffe *et al.* show the processing means of claim 16 or the tracking means of claim 21 or their equivalents. Since the processing means of claim 21 is neither shown nor fairly suggested in the prior art, this claim is allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Papers related to Art Unit 2506 applications **only** may be submitted to Art Unit 2506 by facsimile transmission. Any transmission not to be considered an official response must be clearly marked "DRAFT". The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The Art Unit 2506 Fax Center number is (703) 308-7723.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David V. Bruce whose telephone number is (703) 308-0856.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

dvb/February 10, 1998

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